

# Public School 154

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*Access Creates Opportunity*

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Dear PS 154 Families,

We hope you and your family are safe and doing well as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience, understanding and flexibility with supporting your children's learning during this time. Last week's Coffee and Conversation with Administration and Mr. Mario allowed for positive and open communication between parents and the school. We look forward to continued collaboration with families in order to provide students with the highest levels of instruction and learning opportunities.

At this time we would like to celebrate all of our staff members who have been working diligently to ensure that instruction has not stopped for the children of P.S. 154. We have ventured into uncertain times, and we did not ask to go into remote teaching. If we had a choice we would have rather stayed in school and be with the children everyday. This choice was taken away from us. We have been challenged to think of new and invigorating ways, learn new programs and structures and learn how to use technology in ways that we have never used before. We have worked hard to make sure students continue to get the best. Some of our staff members have experienced illnesses and deaths, and they still report to work. So, we urge you to please keep this in mind as you push for more or examine things through a critical lens. We are working hard for your children. Next week is teacher appreciation week. Please celebrate the people who are working hard for your children. You can send notes of gratitude to recognize a staff member through the DOE online [Teacher Thank You Tool](#).

We would like to share the following important information with you:

- Coffee and Conversation with Administration will held on Tuesday, 5/5, at 10am using Microsoft Teams. You can join the conversation by calling [1-347-966-4114](tel:1-347-966-4114) and entering the conference ID [649 496 843#](#). We will be addressing questions and concerns brought up during last week's Coffee and Conversation with Mr. Mario.
- Coffee and Conversation with Mr. Mario will held on Thursday, 5/7, at 10am using Microsoft Teams. You can join the conversation by calling [1-347-966-4114](tel:1-347-966-4114) and entering the conference ID [207 642 383#](#).
- If you need to request technology, please do so by calling [1-718-935-5200](tel:1-718-935-5200) and choosing option 5 or by visiting the following website: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>
- As always, please visit our school website, [www.ps154queensny.org](http://www.ps154queensny.org) or email us at [25Q154@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:25Q154@schools.nyc.gov) for up to date information and for anything that you might need.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade students are using iReady which is an online program designed to help students build new skills in reading and math. Please visit the following sites to assist your children as they use iReady:
  - [What is iReady?](#)
  - [Six Tips to Keep Your Students Engaged in iReady](#)
  - [Continuar el aprendizaje en casa con enseñanza personalizada i-Ready](#)
  - [iReady Family Center Resources](#)
  - [iReady Video Tutorials](#)
  - [Family Friendly Technology Support](#)
  - [Tech Support Contact Information](#)

Be well!

Ms. Gathers-Bullard and Ms. Foulkes